

## MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: GLLM SCHOLARSHIPS

**HELP US SEND FAITH KIDS TO CAMP!** For the month of May, we are raising money to go towards paying a portion of all Faith registrations at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries this summer as well as additional scholarships for those who need it. Help kids experience the life-changing adventure that awaits for them at camp as they experience their faith in new and creative ways!

### REGISTER FOR CAMP AT GLLM!

All Faith kids who are attending a Green Lake Lutheran Ministries week of camp this summer will receive **\$250 off for a full week of camp and \$125 for a half week of camp.** Simply mark Faith Lutheran Church as your congregation during your camp registration. **Additional scholarships are also available, simply contact the church office.**

### BIG DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMP!

Faith would LOVE for you and your family to experience camp together this summer and we are offering a major discount in order for that to happen! **We will pay 75% of your family's fee if you sign-up for Ordinary Time at Camp House in Brimson, MN and/or Grandparent/Grandchild Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will only need to pay 25% of the entire cost!!**

### ON-SITE DAY CAMP AT SHORES OF ST. ANDREW

Completed grades K-5 | Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp | Camper Fee: \$165 (**\$65 with code 2025NLS**) | Monday, July 28 – Thursday, July 31

Join us and Peace Lutheran Church for Day Camp held at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, offering a week of community-building, Bible study, crafts, games, and swimming. Campers return home each afternoon and come back the next morning refreshed and anticipating another fun day. **A bus will pick up and drop off kids from Faith and Peace each day.** Register at [gllm.campbrainregistration.com](http://gllm.campbrainregistration.com)

### PRE-K VBS AT FAITH

VBS for Pre-K - starting Kindergarten aged kids

Join us for VBS here at Faith Lutheran Church on **Monday, July 28th-Wednesday, July 30th from 8:30am - 11:00am.** The kids will be following the same theme as the older kids and their time will be packed with learning, crafts, games, music and more! This VBS will be led by Faith and Peace staff & volunteers. Cost is \$25 per child. To sign up to volunteer contact Libbie Anderson at 651-399-1611 or [libbieanderson@gmail.com](mailto:libbieanderson@gmail.com).

You can register online at our website: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - SIGN UP tab - PREK VBS button.



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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship (starting Sunday, May 25):

- **8:30am at the GLLM Stave Chapel**
  - 9767 Lake Ave S, Spicer
- **10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church**
  - *This service will be live-streamed each week*

### Sunday, May 4:

- Presentation of Sunday School Quilts to Family Promise during the 9:00am service
- **Adult Forum** at 10:00am: The Spicer Area Pizza Mission
- **Prairie Arts Chorale Spring Concert** at 4:00pm

### Monday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 7

- **OWL Camp** from 8:30-11:30am - "Holy Whole, Living With God in the Wilderness"
  - **Do you have a soprano ukulele that we could borrow? If yes, please write your name/number & drop it off!**

### Sunday, May 11:

- Choir singing at the 9:00am service!
- **No Sunday School** (please enjoy celebrating your mom/motherly figures in your life and family!)

### Wednesday, May 14:

- **Last Feast Meal and Worship** of the school year
- Confirmation, Seeds+Sprouts and families are invited to **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** in the Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate the end of the year.

### Sunday, May 18:

- **Senior Recognition** at the 9:00am service
- **Teacher Recognition** during the 9:00am service
- **Last day of Sunday School party!** (more info inside!)

# A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

## Easter Joy with Moments of Terror!

Happy Easter!

These words have lifted my spirit many times. We say, “Happy Easter!” with hope and an acknowledgement of Jesus’ resurrection unfolding upon God’s people over time.

In **Mark’s gospel** the women “*went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid*” (Mark 16).

In **Matthew’s gospel** “*they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’*” (Matthew 28).

In **Luke’s gospel** the women are met by men in dazzling white, who reminded them of what Jesus told them, “*the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. But these words seemed to them an idle tale...*” (Luke 24).

Finally in **John’s gospel**, which we heard on Easter morning, Jesus himself speaks Mary’s name and tells her to “*go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’*” (John 20).

It is a chaotic Easter morning, folks. There are feelings of terror and amazement – words of greeting to ‘not be afraid’ – and finally a promise of meeting. Easter resurrection must be worked out among the disciples of Jesus! This is an ongoing, lived out experience of ‘God with us.’ Jesus, the risen one, is going to meet us in new and ongoing ways. Do not be afraid!

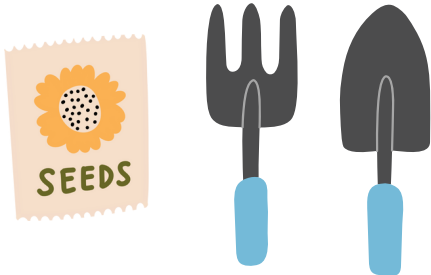
Happy Easter!

Pastor Tim  
2nd Week of Easter

### COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR RENT!

We have 64 15'x15' plots available. There is a 7' fence to stop critters and scheduled irrigation and **\*NEW THIS YEAR!\*** an outside biff for the gardeners to use. **If you would like more information on the garden or would like to rent a space, please call Kelly Rosendahl at (320) 905-0746.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME HELP!!**  
Are you willing to help Kelly be a contact person for the Community Garden? She would love a partner-in-crime to help her keep everything organized and running smoothly behind the scenes.



# YOUTH AND KIDS

## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Our year-end Wednesday night celebration will be Family Bingo Night on **Wednesday, May 14** following worship here at Faith to celebrate another great year of youth education! Come for a chance to fellowship, eat snacks and win great prizes! **Everyone in the church is welcome to join us for this fun event!**

## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school seniors and their families are invited to attend the **9:00am worship service on Sunday, May 18, 2025**. During this service, Faith Lutheran’s High School Class of 2025 will be recognized and seniors will be presented with a gift from the congregation as well as a beautiful hand-made quilt made with love by our Faith Quilters!

## TEACHER RECOGNITION

Join us in celebrating and showing our appreciation for our Youth Education Teachers on **Sunday, May 18 during the 9:00am service!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY AND PARK CLEAN-UP


**Sunday, May 18 at 10:00am:** All members of the church are welcome to join our Sunday School youth and their families for this service project where we will be cleaning up Pirotta Park in Spicer. Meet us right after church at the park with a picnic afterwards. Please bring gloves, rakes, buckets. Trash bags will be provided as well as lunch in shelter at the park after the clean up. If it is raining we will stay at the church for games and lunch. Join us to celebrate the last day of Sunday School this year!

## SERVICE & FUN IN SIOUX FALLS

**AGE:** Grades 6-8 | **DATE:** May 27-29 | **COST:** \$150  
This three day & two night service and fun trip away from home features some great opportunities to experience the world and serve our neighbors. Our service projects will focus on housing and food insecurities with area ministries The Banquet and Church on the Street.

## SERVICE AND FUN IN CHICAGO & THE DELLS

**AGE:** Grades 8-12 | **DATE:** June 16-20 | **COST:** +/- \$350  
This trip is going to be one for the memory bank! We’ll start with a jaunt down to the SPAM Museum in Austin, MN before heading over to the Wisconsin Dells. There we’ll have an entire play day at one of the world’s premier water parks! The remainder of the trip will include traveling to Chicago where we’ll serve our neighbors and play in the city.




### QUILTING & RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

**Quilting:** May 12 & 13 from 9:00am-3:00pm

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**Bible Study:** Thursday, May 22 at the home of Arlys Ousman



# STEWARDSHIP: “FREED TO SERVE.”

To our Faith Family,

Beginning in the middle of May, we will be inviting you to join us in a “write down” of our mortgage debt. The final mortgage for our church building stands at \$430,000 and has a monthly payment of \$6,800 with interest. The Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA is the holder of our loan. If we collect a large amount for payment and apply it to the principal, Mission Investment will recalculate our loan. This will “free up” hundreds or thousands in monthly cost and help us to move more fully into our mission: *God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire and share the love of Jesus with all people.*

Did you know we are dreaming about our Praise and Play area and how to use that space for our church and neighbors? **Nurture, Inspire, Share.**

Did you know we are dreaming about how to use our wider property for our church and neighborhood? **Nurture, Inspire, Share.**





Did you know we are actively working on our Mission Site Profile for future staffing and mission? **Nurture, Inspire, Share.**

All this is happening while we are working to be **“Freed to Serve!”** Please join us!

Pastor Tim  
Stewardship Committee

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).

## FROM THE COUNCIL:

|   January - March, 2025   |            |             |             |             |                    |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
|   | YTD Budget | 2025        | 2024        | Difference  | Compared to Budget |
| Income  | 162,788.51 | 115,978.77  | 142,670.96  | (26,692.19) | (46,809.74)        |
| Expense   | 147,094.40 | 141,966.12  | 153,816.69  | (11,850.57) | (5,128.28)         |
| Net Income  | 15,694.11  | (25,987.35) | (11,145.73) | (14,841.62) | (41,681.46)        |
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Principal mortgage payment of \$5,208 per month not included in 2025.